



Sunflower Newsletter: Term 1 2024

A very warm welcome to Folly View Primary School and to the girls and boys who are joining Sunflower Pre School Class this term. We look forward to spending an exciting and busy year together.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Rebecca Ritson to the Sunflower staff team. She will replace Mrs Kelly, who is moving to Year 5.

Please keep up to date with Sunflower news on our class page of the school website and information displayed on our class window. **You will need to sign up to Parent Pay (via the school office) to keep up to date with whole school news and updates, including school newsletters.**

Topic: Our main topic and themes this term are "Nursery Rhymes", "Marvellous Me" and "Harvest and Autumn". We will be introducing our class rules - "Kind hands" and "Kind words" and our school rules "Ready, Safe and Respect". We also like to plan for and support your child's individual interests. Please liaise with your child's key person regularly and share any relevant information regarding achievements and interests. We would appreciate if we could have two photographs for your child's learning journey folder - A family group photograph and a baby photo.

Please check the parents' "Information Folder" in the cloakroom for information regarding Sunflower Class and the revised EYFS 2021 Framework. You will receive our termly newsletter and curriculum map from the school office.

Information:

- For the first couple of weeks, we would appreciate if parents could accompany their children into class. When the children are completely settled and confident with the morning drop off routine, they can be left at the cloakroom door, with Mrs. Jones.
- All of the children need to have a **red book bag**. They are able to choose two books, twice a week (Girls change their books on a Mon/Thur and Boys on a Tue/ Fri). **Please do not send your child's book bag to school every day**. Spend time reading to your child at home and complete your child's reading record. From January, all of the children will be given little reading targets. We can work towards your child's targets at school and at home.
- When the children have settled in and are used to our daily routine, we'll begin our weekly PE session on a Wednesday morning, in the school hall.
- It would help us enormously if you could ensure that all your child's belongings are named - school jumper/coat/lunch box/water bottle/boots.
- You will need to provide a drink if your child is having a packed lunch and all of the children need to bring a named **water** bottle, every day.
- The children play in our beautiful garden every day, and in all weather. Please make sure that you send your child to school with a sun hat and jacket (coat, gloves and hat when the weather gets colder).
- £2.00 (**cash** donation) for snack and Friday cooking is due for this term.
- Please ensure that you read the five information sheets that you receive when your child begins in Sunflower Class - * Lunch time arrangements *Book bags *The Key Person system *Early Years Foundation Stage Framework - Information for parents and carers and *Reading with your child

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns, please speak to Mrs. Jones when you drop your child off/collect them.



FUN AT HOME IDEAS!

- Sing favourite Nursery Rhymes together and think about rhyming words and the characters in the rhymes.
- Look at family photographs, past and present, and talk about the people in them.
- Remember and discuss special family times e.g. Going on an outing/going on holiday/going to visit grandparents. Encourage your child to talk about the event.
- Go for Autumn walks and collect conkers and fir cones. Use them to make pretty arrangements and patterns.
- Find out about animals that hibernate.
- Collect some beautiful Autumn leaves and talk about colours, shapes and sizes. Do lots of sorting and counting.
- Look out for farmers finishing their harvest - you might see combine harvesters working in the fields and lots of tractors, corn trailers and balers.
- Look at baby photographs and talk about your child's favourite things - favourite book/favourite clothes/favourite food/favourite toy.
- Talk to your child about significant numbers - age/shoe size/house number/birthday
- Share a story together every day. Talk about the characters and illustrations. Look at the page numbers in the book.
- Visit the library and borrow some books. You could look for books about the "Large family" by Jill Murphy or non-fiction books about farms and farm animals.
- Help your child to wash and dry their hand very thoroughly.
- Help your child to brush their teeth every day after breakfast and before bed time.
- Make a collection of five items of the same colour. Choose a different colour every week e.g. Week 1 - a red car, a red apple, a red pencil, a red jumper, a red cup. Practise pointing to and counting each object, slowly.
- Sing familiar counting songs together e.g. Five little speckled frogs, five currant buns.
- Practise self-dressing - putting on and taking off coats and school sweatshirts.
- Visit a place of worship and talk to your child about different religions
- Talk to your child about different occupations

